

England Parliament *4*

A
DECLARATION
OF THE *514. R. 11*
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Lords and Commons

Assembled in
PARLIAMENT:
CONCERNING
The Abuses lately done by severall
persons in the County
OF
ESSEX.

Die Veneris 2^o Septem. 1642.

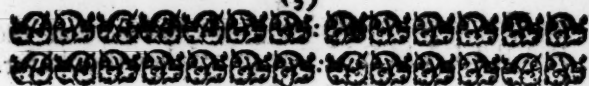
Ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That this Declaration be forthwith printed and published:

H. Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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He Lords and Commons having lately sent Sir *Thomas Barrington* and Master *Grimston* into the County of *Essex*, for the appeasing and quieting of divers Assemblies of people gathered together in great bodies, who had much damaged the Houses, and taken the goods of divers persons, without Law, or other Authority: And having received a Report from Sir *Thomas Barrington*, being returned, That the people up-

on the first knowledge given them, that the PARLIAMENT required they should forbear the searching of any houses for Arms or Ammunition, or the taking goods out of any house, otherwise then is or shall be directed by the Parliament, or without the assistance of some of those Persons, who are by both Houses of Parliament declared, that they ought to be present. The people did hereupon speedily yield obedience, and with-drew themselves in a peaceable manner, and as they were required did make restitution of Plate, Money, and many other goods, by them taken from such as were pretended to be Popish Recusants, and other Malignant persons, and that they had expressed great Zeal and forwardnesse to comply with the directions of the Parliament for the future.

The Lords and Commons do therefore Declare, that they resent the aforesaid expressions of the People, and their ready obedience as a testimonie of that dutifull affection which they beare to the Parliament, and to the present service of the Kingdom; And do hereby Order and Declare, That all persons whosoever, that have taken either Money, Plate, or any other goods, out of the house, or houses, or from the persons of any whosoever, without the speciall Command or Order of both, or either House of Parliament, Shall forthwith restore the same to the parties from whom they were taken, or otherwise

wise be proceeded against as the Lords and Commons shall further direct, upon complaint made; and as both Houses of Parliament have bin, & will be very carefull to preserve the peace of the Kingdom, by disarming of all Recusants, and such others as shall be known, or justly suspected to be Enemies thereunto, and to the pious and good indeavours of this Parliament; and to that purpose have by a Declaration passed by assent of both Houses upon the 23. of August last expressed, what persons shall be intrusted for the managing of that service.

They do hereby further Order and Command, That no person whatsoever do presume, either alone or accompanied with others, to break, or violently enter the house of any, whosoever under colour or pretence of disarming Recusants, or other persons pretended to be Enemies to the Peace of the Kingdom, without the particular Command of such as are intrusted, or deputed by the Parliament.

And it is further declared, That speciall and speedy care be taken herein for the security of the Kingdom, and particularly for the County of *Essex*, from whom they have received so many expressions of their duty to the service of the publique; though the Parliament cannot but let them know that severall violent Actions by some of them unwarrantably committed, are extremely disallowed: But, as the Lords and Commons declare,

declare, That they shall be ever ready to give assistance and protection to all such as shall obey the Commands of both or either Houses of PARLIAMENT, so they do resolve, that they will inflict exemplary punishment on all such according to their severall demerits, as shall be refractory and disobedient to these their Commands made known to them, and by all good wayes and means will further endeavour to bring them to a legall tryall for such their offences; But for the encouragement of those who have been forward and active in the service of the Common-wealth, It is thought fit to give them notice, that those eight horses taken from Sir *John Lucas* and brought up to the Parliament by Sir *Thomas Barrington*, and intended by Sir *John Lucas* for the strengthening of a Malignant party, are delivered by Command to the Lord Generall, to be by him employed for the preservation of the Kingdom, and the Parliament hath caused the said Sir *John Lucas* and Master *Newcomin* to be committed to severall Prisons, And it is Resolved that they shall be brought to their severall trialls, and receive such punishment as shall appear to be just according to their demerits, and like proceedings shall be had against all such as shall be found disturbers of the peace of that Coudry.

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